

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Katsumi KANEKO et al.
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SYNCHRONIZATION-SIGNAL-GENERATING
APPARATUS
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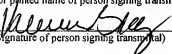
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on June 30, 2008, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner as follows:

Species I, represented by Figs. 1A, 2, 3, 4A-4C, 5, 6A-6E, 7A-7F, 8A-8N, 9A-9D, 10 and 11; and

Species II, represented by Figs. 1B, 2, 3, 4A-4C, 5, 6A-6E, 7A-7F, 9A-9D, 10 and 12.

Applicants note the claims read on the Species identified by the Examiner as follows;

Claims 1-14 and 17 fall within Species I.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 14-17 fall within Species II.

From the foregoing, it is seen that claims 1-5, 7-10, 14 and 17 are generic because they read on all of the drawing figures enumerated by the Examiner. The Examiner recognizes that claims 1, 7 and 17 are generic.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, on which claims 1-14 and 17 read.

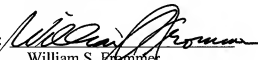
Since this application contains generic claims, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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